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system

sys-tem [sístəm] (*plural* sys-tems)

noun

Definitions:

1. **complex whole formed from related parts:** a combination of related parts organized into a complex whole
 - *a social system*
2. **set of principles:** a scheme of ideas or principles by which something is organized
 - *the democratic system*
 - *the metric system*
3. **way of proceeding:** a method or set of procedures for achieving something
 - *I have worked out a system for identifying likely failures.*
4. **orderliness:** the use or result of careful planning and organization
 - *There doesn't seem to be any system in his working methods.*
5. **established social organization:** the established social order, especially when

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regarded as oppressive

- *You can't beat the system.*

6. whole body: the human or animal body as a unit

- *foods that are not good for the system*

7. group of related body parts: a set of organs or structures in the body that have a common function

- *the nervous system*

8. COMPUT set of computer components: an assembly of computer hardware, software, and peripherals functioning together

- *The system's down again.*

9. ENGINEERING assembly of components: an assembly of mechanical or electronic components that function together as a unit

10. TRANSPORTATION transport network: a physical network of roads, railways, and other routes for travel, transport, or communication

11. ASTRONOMY group of astronomical objects: a group of astronomical objects or other gravitationally linked objects

12. MINERALS mineral classification: a division used in the classification of minerals according to their crystal structures

13. GEOLOGY classification of rocks according to date: a division of rocks larger than a series but smaller than a stage, used to distinguish formations of a specific era or period

14. SCIENCE assembly of substances in equilibrium: an assembly of substances in chemical or physical equilibrium

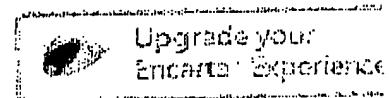
15. MUSIC group of musical staves: a number of musical staves that are grouped together by a line or brace in a score and are played simultaneously

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[Early 17th century. Directly or via French
< late Latin *systema* < Greek *sustēma* <
sunistanai "combine" < *histanai* "set up"]

- **sys·tem·less**adj

all **systems** go used to indicate that
everything is functioning and an operation
or activity can start (*informal*)

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